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# 121 Family Times

*121 Signal Battalion Task Force Lightning*

***...Letter From the Editor....***

If there is a future, there is time for mending, time to see your troubles coming to an ending.  
Life is never hopeless however great your sorrow, if you're looking forward to a new tomorrow.  
If there is time for wishing, then there is time for hoping, when through doubt and darkness you are blindly groping.  
Though the heart be heavy and hurt you may be feeling, if there is time for praying, there is time for healing.  
So if through your window there is a new day breaking, thank God for the promise, though mind and soul be aching.  
If with harvest over there, is grain enough for gleaning, there is a new tomorrow and life still has meaning.

---Author Unknown

## 1/2 WAY BASH

(From L-R) Recognitions were presented by LTC Whalen and 1LT Lamborn to the following ladies for their contributions to their respective FRG's: Angelika Roberts (HHC), Hannah Davis (A Co.), Katrina Ballesteros (C Co.), and Manuela Bassham (HHC).



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Walk to Iraq  
(and Back)  
Standings

1. C Co.: 2555.9
2. A Co.: 1812.9
3. HHC: 692.92
4. B Co.: 413

Welcome the newest members of the 121 family....

SPC Hector & April Cruz  
a baby girl, Gabriella  
on 14 July 04

SGT Robert & Carrie Prager  
a baby girl, Isabelle Kaydee  
on 31 July 04

SPC Daisy Lopez & SPC Craig Carter  
a baby boy, Christian Matthew  
on 8 AUG 04

PFC Arica Olive & PFC Corey Tate  
a baby boy, Caleb Kevon  
on 10 AUG 04





Thanks to those of  
you who supported  
the car wash.



Sarita Garrison and 1LT  
Lamborn accepting the  
official adoption certificate  
of the Kitzingen VFW  
from Bruce Withers.

# Community Corner

## September Events

- 2: Task Force Victory Organization Day (Dickman Field on Leighton Barracks)
- 3: USAREUR Training Holiday
- 4: Schweinfurt Bizarre
- 4-5: Kitzingen Volksmarch
- 7: First Day of School for ALL Grade Levels
- 10: Kitzingen Town hall Meeting (1800)
- 10-12: German/American Fest on the airstrip at Harvey Barracks from 1600-2400
- 14-15: IID Blood Drive at the Leighton Gym from 0900-1700 (Contact Gabriela Egan at 0931-452-7394)
- 15: Women's Safety and Defense Seminar in Room 109 at the hospital from 1200-1300
- 15: Part-day preschool & toddler time begins (Contact Central Registration at 09321-702-2812)
- 16: Walk to Iraq Assessment at the Harvey Gym from 1200-1700
- 20: Hometown Holiday Greeting Program at the Leighton PX from 0900-1700
- 21: Hometown Holiday Greeting Program at the Larson Chapel from 0900-1700
- 24-25: Wives of Warriors Workshop (Contact your local Chaplain)
- 25-26: DECA case lot sale

## Battalion Corner

**\*VTC Schedule:** Saturday, 11 Sep (soldiers on FOB Danger)  
Sunday, 12 Sep (soldiers on FOB Speicher)  
Saturday, 25 Sep (soldiers on FOB Danger)  
Sunday, 26 Sep (soldiers on FOB Speicher)

VTC start at 1500 and end at 2000, Germany time. If you are interested in signing up, email Michele Carter. VTC capabilities will be expanded to the other FOBs as soon as they have the technology to do so.

**\*BN Cookbook:** We are still putting together the BN cookbook. If you or any family members, down-range or Stateside, would like to contribute a recipe, please email them to: aco121frg@yahoo.com.

**\*Web-site:** The "Desert Voice" is now on the BN web-site. You can access the web-site at: <http://www.1id.army.mil/1ID/Units/121sig/>. Pictures from down-range as well as BN events can be accessed at: <http://photos.yahoo.com/signbn121>. If you have any pictures to submit, email them to Michele Carter.

# HHC

Well it's September, and the deployment is on the downside. I would like to take this opportunity to highlight some of the things that the HHC FRG has done over the past six months. Of course we have had monthly meetings, and we have used those meetings to get to know each other. We have such a wide variety of spouses within HHC I just have to mention it. We have every rank from PV1-O5; by the very nature of the army that means that we have spouses from their very early twenties to...well, I won't go there. Our spouses are very busy people. Through our spouse's jobs, we have "contacts" with the Dental Clinic, The Chief of Staff, financial planning, the pharmacy, the schools, car sales, the commissary, AAFES, and much more. We also have an entire network of at-home moms; we have spouses that speak German, and Turkish, spouses that home school, and of course spouses that volunteer entirely too much! And lest I forget the children of our deployed soldiers.... we have the entire spectrum, from those in diapers to recent high-school graduates, to those working on degrees. All in all, HHC is a very busy company!

Early in the deployment we decorated "our part" of the motor pool fence. Mother Nature has taken her toll, but before our loved ones come home we will re-decorate. During the past 6 months, we have mailed over 300 books down-range to start a library of sorts. About 3 months ago, a church in California "heard" of our soldiers' deployment and sent over 40 large boxes of donations to include everything from drink-mix, to walk-mans, to clothes and toys for the local children of Iraq. Just to give you a better idea of the gifts from this church, the postage to Germany was over \$ 2000.00. We are in the process of sending them a heart-felt THANK YOU! Also, we have several spouses who, on their own, have compiled and sent dozens of boxes for the local children and our soldiers.

Fall is a busy season with "back to school," Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New-Years...but this year all those things are a build-up to the best day of all.... homecoming! (And yes I mean the one where the soldiers come home, not the one with football games, a parade and a queen!) There will be many things to do in celebration of all these occasions. If you have not been a regular participant of the FRG, this is the best time to start!

Everyone gets thru a deployment in his or her own way. I sincerely hope that whatever you have chosen for yourself is truly working. Please contact me with any questions or concerns you may have.

---Edith